

REMARKS

This is supplemental to the Amendment dated May 1, 2006. Claims 1, 58, and 67 are in the application, with Claims 1 and 58 being independent. Claims 1, 58, and 67 have been amended herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' undersigned representative during the personal interview conducted on May 18, 2006. During the interview, the pending claims were discussed in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,629,134 (Hayward). In a follow-up telephone conversation, the Examiner tentatively indicated that he would be inclined to more favorably consider the application if the claims were amended as set forth above.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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